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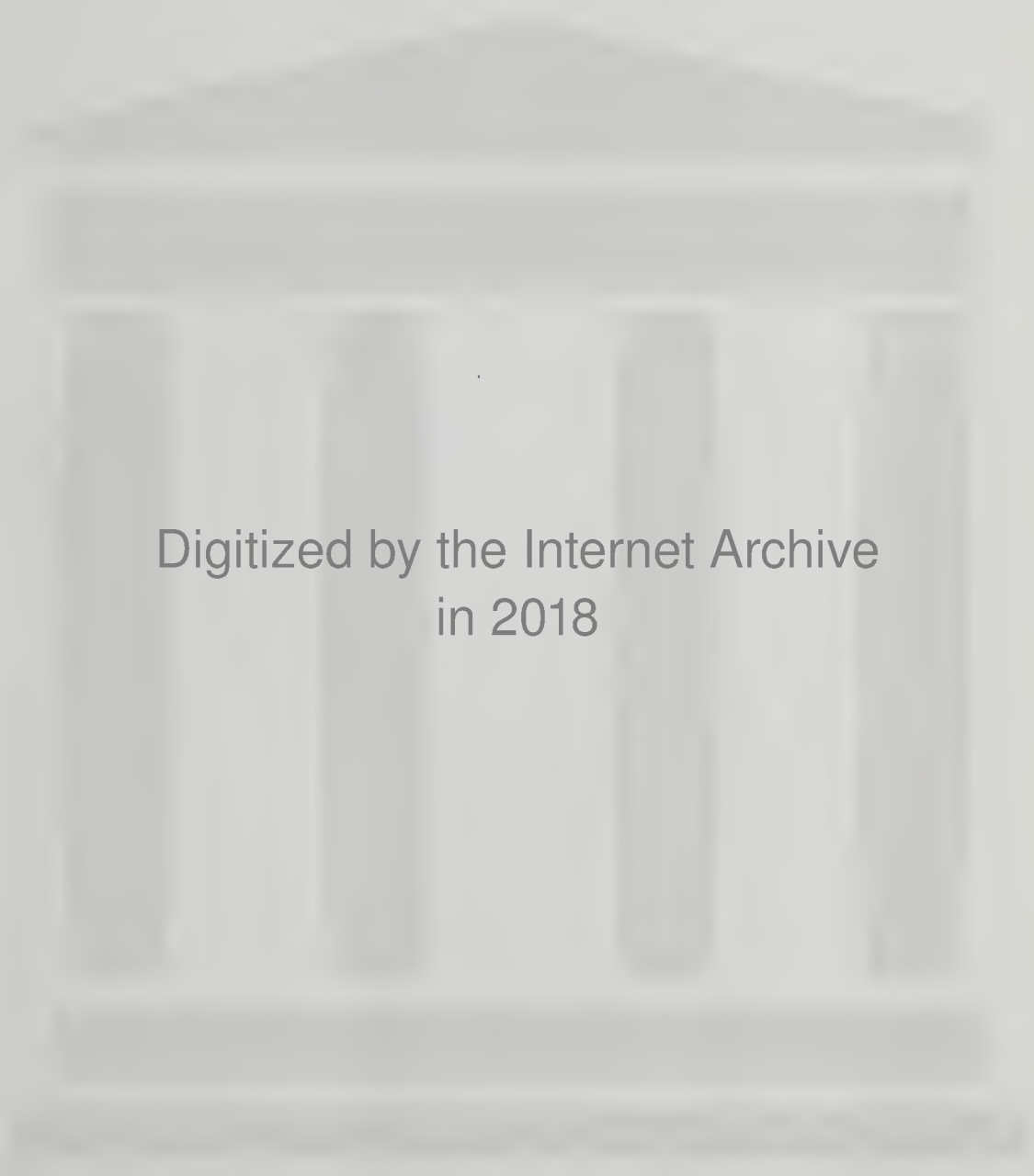
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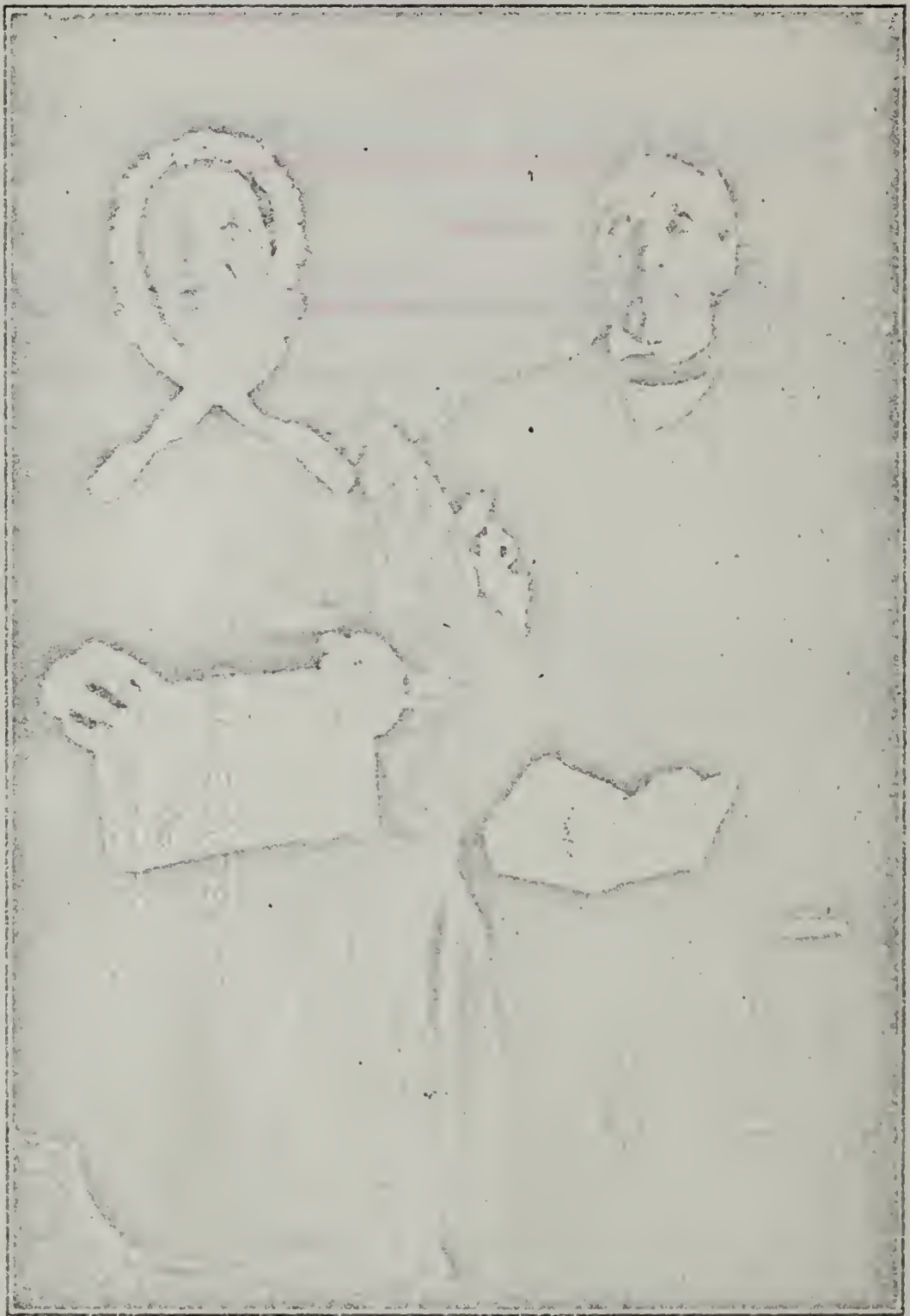
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THE BACONS ✓
IN
WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO O.
AND IN
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Privately Printed, July 20, 1931
ELI BACON VINCENT, MARIETTA, OHIO
(Born May 19, 1850, Wateford, Ohio)



JOHN BACON AND SARAH CORNER BACON

(From a photograph taken about 1850, when John Bacon was 87 years old and Sarah Corner Bacon was 76 years old.)

The Bacons in Washington County, Ohio

Parents:

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John Bacon, born April 22, 1764.

Sarah Corner Bacon, born September 8, 1775.

Their children:

- 1 William Bacon, born July 24, 1795, in New York City.
- 2 Sarah Bacon, born September 14, 1797, on Wolf Creek.
- 3 John Bacon, born September 8, 1798, on Wolf Creek.
- 4 Martha Bacon, born February 28, 1800, died when an infant.
- 5 Mary Bacon, born December 3, 1801.
- 6 Martin Bacon, born January 25, 1803.
- 7 Ellen Bacon, born April 30, 1805.
- 8 Isaac Bacon, born July 8, 1807.
- 9 Martha Bacon, born March 23, 1809.
- 10 A baby born February 9, 1811.
- 11 Maria Bacon, born April 16, 1812.
- 12 Eliza Bacon, born January 6, 1814.
- 13 Mellissa Bacon, born Sept. 9, 1815.
- 14 Bertrand Bacon, born July 2, 1818.

John Bacon was born in Sheffield, England. Sheffield used to be a great city for the manufacture of edged tools. As it is said he followed the trade of a cutler in New York City, isn't it probable he was engaged in this work when he found Sarah Corner whom he married? The story that the vessel on which they came was wrecked a days sailing from New York may be revised a little for we think she came to him or he found her in New York City as accounts agree that John was born April 22, 1764. Sarah was born September 8, 1775.

1 Their first child, William, was born in New York City July 24, 1795. There is no way and perhaps no particular use of proving when they left New York City, only the other children following William were born on Wolf Creek, Washington County, Ohio, so the trip by wagon to Pitts-

burgh and by boat to Marietta was probably made about 1796 or 1797 for the family Register says that Sarah, their second child, was born September 14, 1797, on Wolf Creek.

The trip up the Muskingum from Marietta to Waterford would be a minor affair for a pioneer. This pair of Bacons made that trip and settled on the farm now owned by the Morey Brothers, Curt and Sanford, two thrifty farmers who have protected from destruction the tombstones bearing the name Bacon and a marble slab bearing the name John Brentnal whom we know married Maria Bacon, sixth child of John and Sarah Bacon. This spot is two and one-half miles from Waterford on the highway leading to Swift. This then is the spot in the Wilderness where John Bacon took his young wife then twenty-two, to bring forth a new Sarah.

2 Now if we could only follow with definite certainty the life of each child born to this couple it would make very interesting reading. Let us begin with the baby Sarah, born September 14, 1797. She grew to womanhood and married Hugh Worthington, a tinsmith and they went down the Ohio River while he plied his trade on the boats. This was a day when long-handled gourds gave way to tin cups as drinking vessels. Where they made their future home or what became of them was never known and they were swallowed up in busy life. It is now 1931 so there is an entire century and more missing. A reflection like that makes us realize the passing of time.

3 The third child was John, Jr., born September 8, 1798, who leaves no record.

4 The fourth child was Martha, born February 28, 1800, and died when an infant.

5 The fifth child was Mary, born December 3, 1801. Soon after she was sixteen years of age she married John Taylor of Big Run, Noble County, Ohio. They reared young John who married Jane Waller. They had no children. Young John had a sister, Mary Ann, who married Hosea Ripley. They reared a son, Parley, who became an excellent me-

chanic. He is now living in Lowell. John had another sister, Melissa, who married Joe Ramsey and they had no children.

6 The sixth child of John and Sarah Bacon was Martin who at this time, 1817, was a boy fourteen years of age for he was born January 25, 1803. It seems that Martin was the only brother that William Bacon had who never left Waterford Township, Washington County, Ohio. He deserves more than a passing notice. On August 25, 1829, when he was twenty-six he married Mary Ann Hurlburt.

Their children:

Rachel J. Bacon, born June 15, 1831.

Mary E. Bacon, born November 30, 1832, died April 17, 1925.

Sarah Bacon, born October 4, 1834, died June 1, 1869.

Betsy Bacon, born November 17, 1836.

Emiline Bacon, born May 10, 1839, died July 13, 1859.

Merandy Bacon, born September 19, 1841, died January 11, 1863.

Andrew J. Bacon, born February 2, 1846, died January 20, 1929.

John Equal Bacon, born March 30, 1853, died October 14, 1887.

Their first daughter, Rachel, was born June 15, 1831. She married Miles Lawrence and they became the parents of Arius Lawrence, one of Washington County's most honorable citizens. In thrift and honesty his daily life was a guide to all who love truth and justice. Some men are a blessing to a family, some to a community, but the exemplary life of Arius Lawrence is a blessing to all mankind. He died recently leaving a widow who was Charlotte Dearth and two sons, Osborn and Walter.

Mary E. Bacon married James Oliver March 9, 1854, and "I was the only child," writes Mrs. James of Route 2, Beverly, Ohio, who was born December 18, 1854, and who is a typical Bacon, blonde complexion, full of industry and cheerfulness and has helped wonderfully with these records. After the death of Mr. Oliver, Mary E. Bacon married John

Hill September 11, 1856. James Oliver died April 6, 1855.

Their children:

Ann Hill, born January 8, 1858.

Betty Hill, born September 25, 1860.

Permelia Hill, born April 8, 1864.

Grant Hill, born May 8, 1868.

Betsy Bacon married Isaac Baldwin and became the mother of Arthur T. Baldwin, E. G. Baldwin, Leonard Baldwin and Martha Baldwin. It used to be that "The Baldwin Boys" was an expression covering a whole generation in point of time and a rare depth of friendship and respect in point of sentiment. Often a puzzled farmer has thrown down his Almanac zodiac and all and said to his neighbor, "Well, what do Grant and Leonard think of this new idea." Such instances of brotherly harmony are uncommon and where found they afford anchorage to our despairing hopes. The "Baldwin boys" and their sister, Martha, are foremost farmers in their section.

The mother of the foregoing children was "Aunt Betsy." "Aunt Betsy" was a title she had won by her endearing charms and held fast by her confiding sincerity.

Arthur T. Baldwin, born December 13, 1857, married Elvina Malster, October 9, 1883, she was born October 9, 1862.

Their children:

Emmett H. Baldwin, born January 13, 1889.

Arthur T. Baldwin died November 16, 1930.

E. G. Baldwin, born July 8, 1862, married Minnie Bartlett November 20, 1888. She was born October 15, 1866.

Their children:

Gladys Baldwin, born July 9, 1893.

Grace Baldwin, born May 19, 1899.

Gladys married Elias H. Ellis December 24, 1919.

Their children:

Helen Marie Ellis, born September 24, 1921.

Jean Ellis, born October 26, 1925.

Grace married Dr. Rodger H. McCaughtry June 16, 1925.

Their children:

Joseph B. McCaughtry, born May 16, 1927.

Joan McCaughtry, born April 1, 1929, died February 19, 1931.

Martha Baldwin, born June 24, 1870, married William Fisher who was born December 24, 1866. They were married January 30, 1896. William Fisher died by accident September 5, 1905.

Leonard Baldwin, born November 23, 1867, married Emma Radenbach, born July 3, 1867. They were married September 2, 1890.

Their children:

Harry Donald Baldwin, born April 8, 1894, married Lucy Elizabeth Malster December 31, 1919. No children were born to them.

Andrew Jackson Bacon, born February 2, 1846. In his younger days Andrew Jackson Bacon devoted much of his time to farming. He was born on a farm and had the industrious habits required in farming. On March 18, 1877, he married Georgia R. Townsend, his first wife, who was born September 21, 1851, and died March 23, 1905.

Their son:

George D. Bacon, born July 25, 1880, died January 17, 1881.

After the death of his wife and son Mr. Bacon remained single until 1907 when he married Celia McHugh. Then they took up their home in Stockport, Ohio, and in harmony with the quiet unostentatious temperament of both they lived long and happily. But in the winter of 1928 Mr. Bacon became sick and died January 20, 1929, aged 83 years. Andrew Jackson Bacon as his name would indicate was a Democrat but in politics he was neutral and inoffensive.

Mr. Bacon married Celia McHugh in 1907. He died Sunday, January 20, 1929. Mrs. Bacon still survives.

John Equal Bacon, born May 30, 1853, married Frances Riley Bacon April 2, 1877. She died December 25, 1923.

Their children:

Martin Bacon, born August 4, 1878, died May 16, 1897.

Lizzie May Bacon, born May 20, 1880, now married to Arthur Beckett and has a beautiful and well kept home.

Everett Bacon, born April 29, 1878, who is now stationed at Akron, Ohio, and has worked many years for the B. & O. Railroad. He is the only one in all this country that perpetuates the name Bacon and luckily he has a son who we hope will live long and well under the name "Bacon."

Mary Ann Hurlburt Bacon, died September 20, 1866. Martin Bacon, Sr., married Sarah Mason his second wife, September 3, 1868, and they lived together for many years until his death which occurred March 17, 1885. He was aged 82 years, 1 month, 20 days.

By this record of births and deaths of Martin Bacon's children it is evident that he lived his entire life in Waterford Township. His occupation was chiefly farming, although he sometimes followed the trade of cooper. He was prominent in local politics and held many minor political offices. He was of a thrifty nature and accumulated money and accommodated neighbors who sometimes needed to borrow money.

Martin Bacon continued to live long after the birth of his children, the last of whom was Equal. He lived single for many years after the birth of his children and then married again as we have stated. After her second marriage with Mr. Barber, Sarah Bacon died January 15, 1915.

7 The seventh child of John and Sarah Bacon was Ellen who died in infancy.

8 The eighth child was Isaac, born July 8, 1807, and settled in Sioux City, Iowa. He had two sons, John and Curtis. John went to Rose Hill, Iowa, and died. Curtis dropped from history.

9 The ninth child was Martha, born March 23, 1809, died March 7, 1900. We quote from her Obituary of that date as follows:

“Death of Mrs. Martha Mixer of Hart Street
Marietta (Ohio) Times, March 7, 1900.

“Mrs. Martha Mixer, widow of Lewis Mixer, who died in this city in 1888, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nancy A. Creighbaum, corner of Hart and Fifth Streets, at five o'clock this morning. She had been feeble for a long time and had been failing since Christmas. Death was due to old age. The deceased was a remarkable woman and came from a remarkable family. She was born on Wolf Creek near Waterford on March 23, 1809, and was therefore nearly ninety-one years of age. Her father lived to reach the same age, and of his family of fourteen children, seven lived to be more than eighty. One of them was ninety-four when she died. She has one surviving sister, Mrs. Beach who is eighty-one. Mrs. Mixer came from Waterford to Marietta in 1832 and has been living in the house where she died since that time. She was a well known woman and was noted as a nurse. For years all people of Marietta knew “Mother Mixer” and she was sent for when anyone was ill. Her life was an active one in doing good, and she had remarkable vitality.

“The deceased was one of the oldest members of the First Universalist Church of Marietta and had been a consistent one. She joined that organization more than fifty years ago. She always took an active part in the church work.

“The deceased leaves one child, Mrs. Creighbaum, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.”

The three grandchildren referred to above are Nellie, Mattie and Lillie Creighbaum. They are the best representatives of the old Bacon stock living in Marietta at this time, 1931. Lillie, the youngest is sixty-five, hale and hearty and opens her store on Greene Street every morning. She boards with her sister, Mattie who married a Jones and lives in the old homestead at the corner of Fifth and Hart

Street, Marietta. Nellie the oldest is seventy-one. She married a Weinstock. There are three boys and three girls to bless this union, all grown and prosperous citizens. They have a home in Rathbone. Mabel holds a responsible position in Dudley's Flower Store on Front Street and saves her money. A young lady who will do this at this day and age of the world deserves the highest praise the English language can express. This is a rare compliment in these times.

10 The tenth child of John and Sarah Bacon was a baby born February 9, 1811, and died.

11 The eleventh child was Maria Bacon, born April 16, 1812. She married John Brentnal.

Their children:

Sarah Brentnal.

John Brentnal died April 29, 1863. The widow and daughter moved to Monticello, Iowa, after his death. The grave of John Brentnal helps to fix the location of this branch of Bacons on the farm of the Morey Brothers. There is inscribed on the marble slab at Moreys the following:

"John Brentnal died April 29, 1863 in the 60th year of his age," and a verse starting thus:

"Peacefully rest his body
Beneath the grassy sod."

This family of Bacons was the only family of the original stock that this writer remembers of seeing personally. The original Bacon stock was of such marked appearance that it made a deep impression on a boy's mind.

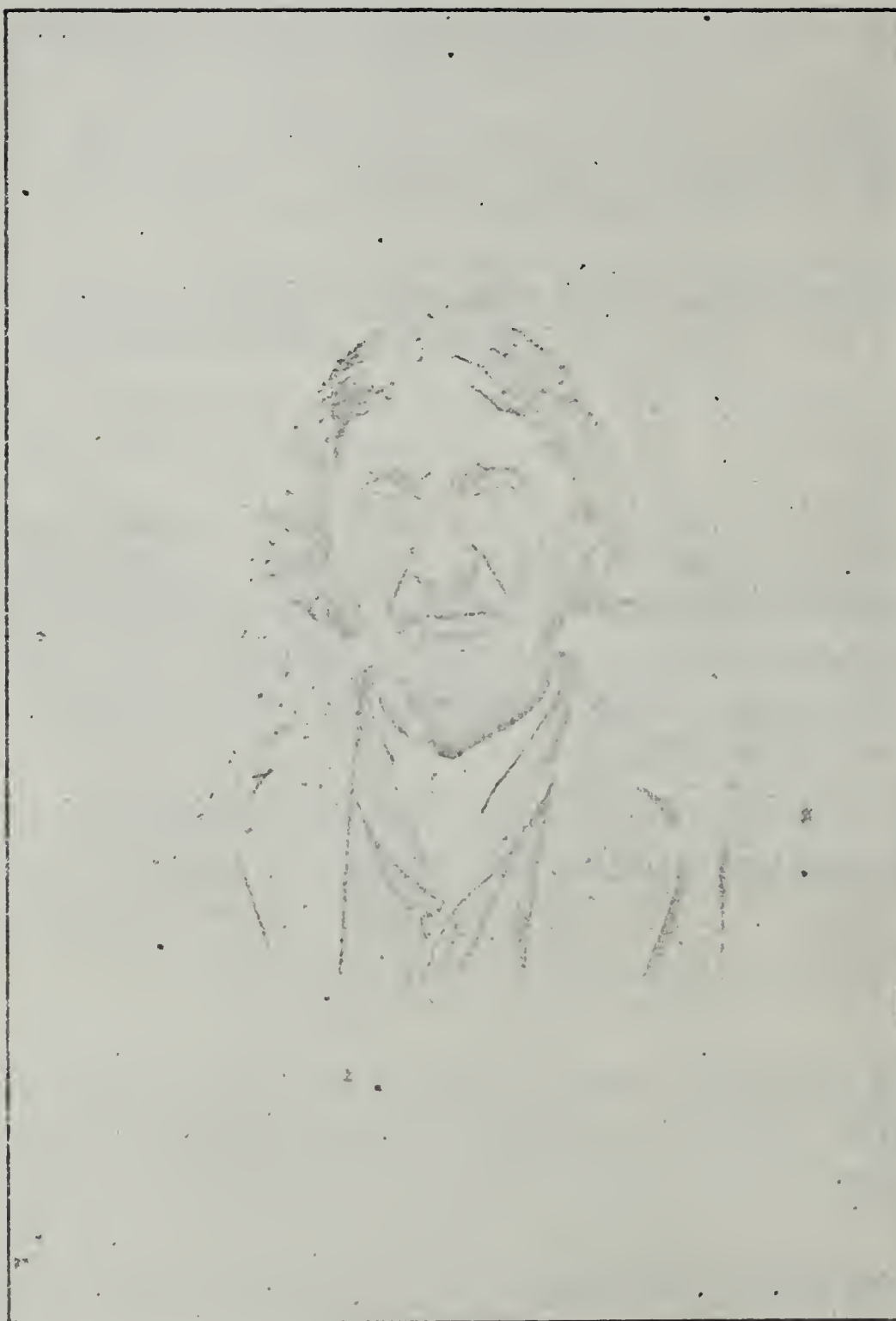
12 The twelfth child was Eliza Bacon who leaves no record. She was born January 6, 1814.

13 The thirteenth child was Melissa Bacon, born September 2, 1815. She married a White. After his death she married Hiram Beach. They lived near Coal Run, Washington County, Ohio. He sold farm machinery and parts. After his death she lived with relatives in Marietta until her death.

14 The fourteenth child was Bertrand Bacon. He was the last child born to John and Sarah and leaves no certain record, but was born July 2, 1818, and at this time his father, John Bacon, was fifty-four years old and his mother was forty-three and they were probably living in their home in the Wilderness. We have a good photo picture of this pair of English people taken on Front Street, Marietta, Ohio, by W. F. Bennet and Peter McLaren at the Diamond Gallery opposite the Post Office on First Floor. It was taken, a memorandum says, when Mr. Bacon was eighty-seven years old. Then the deduction is that this picture was taken about 1850 and not many years before they died. He died September 9, 1854, and she died February 25, 1852.

After their last child was born, July 2, 1818, John Bacon and Sarah Corner Bacon may have continued to live on the farm which they settled till they died. He in 1854, she in 1852. It is pretty certain that Bertrand died in childhood and they in old age and thus ended the first Bacon family in Washington County, Ohio.

Now let us take up the second generation beginning with the first child of John and Sarah, William.



WILLIAM BACON

*(The first child of John and Sarah Corner Bacon,
born in New York City, 1795.)*

PART II

Both of William Bacon's wives and all of his children were born in Washington County, Ohio, and mingled with the children of John and Sarah.

While John and Sarah Bacon were farming in the Morey Settlement, Waterford Township, Washington County, Ohio, their family was increasing in numbers and those first born were increasing in years. William, the oldest son, born in New York City, who came with his parents to Ohio, soon became a young man and at the age of twenty-two married Eleanora Miller, then nineteen. This was on March 9, 1817. He was born in 1795 and she in 1798. She died at the age of thirty-three in 1831.

Parents:

William Bacon, born July 24, 1795.

Eleanora Miller, born August 4, 1798.

Their children:

- 1 Thirza M. Bacon, born September 21, 1817.
- 2 William Bacon, Jr., born May 31, 1819.
- 3 Mary Ann Bacon, born September 29, 1820.
- 4 John Bacon, Jr., born January 7, 1821.
- 5 Martin Bacon, Jr., born March 25, 1822.
- 6 Rufus Putnam Bacon, born November 24, 1825.
- 7 Infant son, born July 2, 1827, died.
- 8 Eli Bacon, born June 23, 1828.
- 9 Infant daughter, born June 25, 1830, died.
- 10 Infant son, born June 26, 1832, died.

Their children, one by one:

1 Thirza M. Bacon, first child, born September 21, 1817, married John Davenport and went to Iowa and no more was heard of them.

2 William Bacon, Jr., second child, born May 31, 1819, married Mary Ann Smith. They had a daughter, Laurana. They took her and went to Wisconsin. It seems those pretty English girls had a lure which the Buckeye boys

could not resist for Polk Brown followed them and claimed Laurana as his bride. He was born November 28, 1842. He was in the Civil War and had the rank of [G. A. R.] Orderly Sergeant Co. F. [O. B.] 18 Reg. O. [Col.] Inf., Civil War.

Now in the Bacon homestead there is a Clarence Perley Brown, not a little boy but an old man sixty or more, he was born August 15, 1866, and has a wife and son. He has a married brother, Charles, born March 31, 1870, who is living out in California, while the grandparents and their beautiful daughter are mouldering in the Wisconsin clay. Such is the result of the flight of time.

3 Mary Ann Bacon, third child, born September 29, 1820, married John Vincent, born December 3, 1818, and they lived their entire lives in Waterford Township, Washington County, Ohio.

Their children:

John B., born December 3, 1848, died December 22, 1921.

Eli B., born May 19, 1850.

Mary A., born about 1846, died about 1919.

Prussia A., born in 1862, died about 1917.

There were three children died in infancy whose names were:

Prudence, died January 12, 1842, aged 1 year, 5 months.

Eliza J., died August 30, 1842, aged 6 weeks.

Thirza, died March 13, 1858, when 5 years, 7 months and 9 days old.

The last three were buried in Beckett Cemetery. The others in Beverly Cemetery.

"OBITUARY"

John Bacon, Jr., died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lena Stringfellow, in Rose Hill, at 7:00 o'clock p. m., Saturday, April 28, 1900, aged 79 years, 3 months and 21 days, after a lingering illness of several weeks. It was thought for about ten days prior to his death that he would get well, as he had been able to walk up town each day; but he took violently worse just after supper Saturday evening and died

one hour later. Mr. Bacon was born in Washington County, Ohio, January 7, 1821. He moved to Iowa in 1848 and settled in White Oak Township and had been one of the successful pioneer farmers as long as he was able to look after that business. He had about 250 acres of good land, most of it underlaid with coal. There has been a local bank in operation for a number of years under the supervision of Mike Carey. The subject of this sketch was married to Nancy E. Wymore April 14, 1853. To them were born eleven children, seven of whom are still living. They are all married and they with their families, were at the home of their father quite often during his illness and were all present at the funeral. His wife died September 12, 1894. Since then Mr. Bacon had made his home with his children. He united with the Christian Church of Rose Hill in the fall of 1895 and has been a faithful member ever since. The funeral was held at the Christian Church on Monday at 10:00 a. m., conducted by Rev. J. D. Guthrie, of Oskaloosa, assisted by Rev. J. W. White, pastor of the Free Methodist Church and Rev. A. W. McBlain, pastor of the M. E. Church. Interment was made at the Wymore Cemetery and there was a very large crowd in attendance. Thus ends the life of one whose quiet, peaceful life is well worth imitating. His two brothers, Martin and R. P. Bacon, of Oskaloosa, the only ones living of his brothers and sisters, were at the funeral, with other relatives from Oskaloosa. The many friends of the deceased extend their sympathies to the bereaved family.

J. D. Guthrie.

Rose Hill, May 2, 1900.

4 John Bacon, Jr., fourth child, born January 7, 1821, married Nancy E. Wymore April 14, 1853.

Their children:

Ollie, born February 4, 1855.

Lewis, born December 6, 1856, living.

Cora, born November 22, 1866, living.

Eli, born March 12, 1869, died March 28, 1884.

Louie, born June 1869, died April 1894.

Ella, born August 12, 1874.

Frank, born January 19, 1877.

Florence, born March 10, 1862.

Lena, born July 27, 1859.

William Austin, born March 23, 1858, died May 9, 1858.

Cary Jane, born July 3, 1864, died September 28, 1866.

All buried in Wymore Cemetery.

Ollie Bacon, born February 4, 1855, died August 30, 1916,
married Henry Stringfellow February 6, 1873.

Their children:

George, born August 5, 1878.

Albert, born August 20, 1881.

Hattie Stringfellow Kemp, born August 4, 1883.

Ora Stringfellow, born December 27, 1890.

Henry died February 12, 1919.

They were buried in Wymore Cemetery.

Lewis Mixer Bacon, born December 6, 1856, married
Destia Stringfellow December 2, 1880. She was born
August 5, 1864.

Their children:

Pearl M., born July 31, 1883.

Effie E., born April 17, 1885, died September 15, 1889.

Pearl M., married July 4, 1905, to Myrtle Riggs.

Their children:

George L., born July 19, 1906.

Maxine C., born May 25, 1910.

Pearl M., married second time to Edith Gamble September 21, 1911.

Their children:

Ruth A., born July 12, 1912.

Clare E., born August 12, 1913.

Beverly G., born September 7, 1914.

Martha M., born February 4, 1916, died August 16, 1916.
Rhonda E., born December 2, 1923.

Louis Mixer Bacon is a very prominent man in the life of Oskaloosa. He served many terms as Justice of the Peace, elected on the Democratic Ticket. He is of that turn of character that he pleases his opponents as well as his constituents. In neighborliness he is unselfish and very thoughtful of his friends. He lives such a life that he is an honor to his city and to humanity in general. This name, Louis Mixer, was in honor of a relative, an early citizen of Marietta, Ohio, and a tinsmith by trade.

Cora Bacon, born November 22, 1866, married Alfred Stanley April 13, 1886.

Their children:

Walter Bacon, born February 26, 1887.
Verla Bacon, born August 6, 1888.
Stella Bacon, born June 9, 1890.
Homer Bacon, born June 27, 1892, still single in 1931.
Earl Bacon, born March 1, 1894.

Louie Bacon, born June 1869, died April 1894, married Relysus Hensyel April 11, 1887.

Their children:

Lena Hensyel Taylor, born May 3, 1888.
Johnie Hensyel, born February 3, 1894.

Ella Bacon was born August 12, 1874, married Herman Taggart February 27, 1895.

Their children:

Logan Coyd, born September 10, 1897.
Gideon Eli, born January 29, 1900.
Benjamin Bacon, born September 20, 1902.
Margaret Ellen, born August 16, 1904.
John Lewis, born October 9, 1906.
Harmon Cole, born August 9, 1908.

Ruth Elizabeth, born November 15, 1910.

Paul Dallas, born May 19, 1913.

Ella was born in Mahaska County, Iowa. They were buried in Kansas.

Logan Coyd Taggart married Dessie Oakley July 23, 1921.

Their children:

Dallas Coyd, born May 10, 1922.

Richard Harmon, born April 7, 1924.

Dale Logan, born July 28, 1926.

William Alfred, born April 15, 1931.

Gideon Taggart married Lucille Gibson June 25, 1923.

Their children:

Gideon Eli Jr., born August 31, 1924.

Harold Eugene, born January 16, 1927.

Benjamin Taggart married Viola Benedict November 1921.

Their children:

Wallace Lee, born July 1, 1922.

Claud Edward, born December 16, 1923.

Velva Marie, born January 22, 1926.

Margaret Taggart married Wessley H. Stevenson April 26, 1923.

Their children:

Ruth Faye, born March 5, 1924.

John Wessley, born January 24, 1926.

Robert Lewis, born July 24, 1929.

John Taggart married Lois Reed December 24, 1927.

Harmon Cole Taggart married Ferne Livingston February 17, 1931.

Frank Bacon was born January 19, 1877. He was married to Mattie Hess January 15, 1909.

Their children:

Lois Bacon Walker, born September 21, 1896.

Mattie died April 28, 1900.

On June 15, 1906, he was married to Agnes Bass.

Their children:

Grace, born October 14, 1906.

Frank died April 26, 1930, and was buried in Wymore Cemetery.

Florence Ann Bacon, born March 10, 1862, married Granvill Stringfellow, born February 18, 1856. She died November 9, 1910. He died January 10, 1924. Both born at Rose Hill, Iowa. They were married July 15, 1880.

Their children:

Martha E. Stringfellow, born July 10, 1881.

Ervin E. Stringfellow, born February 28, 1884.

Elmer Otis Stringfellow, born January 3, 1888, died October 18, 1891.

Myra Ann Stringfellow, born May 12, 1896, died May 15, 1919.

Moved to Oklahoma October 1907.

Martha E. Stringfellow was married to Kisor Moore December 25, 1902.

Their children:

Glenn E. Moore, born April 11, 1905. He was married and has two children: Bonnie Jean, born March 2, 1928; and Glenn Earl, born February 8, 1931.

Lena May Bacon, born July 27, 1859, married Robert Stringfellow. He was born January 31, 1858. They were married October 31, 1878.

Their children:

Jesse Stringfellow, born July 26, 1882.

Harry Stringfellow, born October 1, 1884.

Harmon Stringfellow, born March 4, 1887. He was killed in service September 30, 1918.

Stowell Stringfellow, born October 5, 1889, died October 20, 1918.

BACON—Martin Bacon was born in Washington County, Ohio, March 25, 1822, and died at his home at 210 West High Avenue, Oskaloosa, Iowa, July 2, 1907, at 2:50 p. m., after an illness of eleven weeks' duration of cancer of the stomach.

He was united in marriage to Lucy Ann Benjamin, August 3, 1843. Two sons, Henry and Charley, and one daughter, Eliza, were born to this union. The daughter died June 5, 1874, and the sons survive him. His wife died July 10, 1883. His grand-daughter, Lillie Henderson Bacon, has kept house for him since the death of his wife. The deceased moved to Iowa in the year 1854, having been a resident of Mahaska since coming to Iowa. He is the last of thirteen children. On coming to Iowa he followed his trade of millwright, working for Siebel & Esgen, was in the grocery business for several years, but of late years he did carpenter work, giving that up about two years ago on account of failing health. Funeral services in the Christian Church, Friday afternoon at 2:30, and interment in Forest Cemetery.

5 Martin Bacon, Jr., fifth child of William Bacon, married Lucy Benjamin.

Their children:

Rufus Henry Bacon, born January 29, 1845, in Ohio. He married Etta Mattox.

Their children:

Daisy Bacon Hanna, born November 10, 1875, married and living in California.

Guy Bacon, born March 4, 1891, running a newspaper in New York City.

Rufus Henry Bacon married Lena Silger May 4, 1894, for his second wife and there were no children.

John Charles Bacon, born May 13, 1859, married Sarah J. DeFrehn, June 16, 1890.

Their children:

Edna V. Bacon Morrison, born May 16, 1891.

Bernice E. Bacon Dusenberry, born May 18, 1896.

Eliza Bacon Henderson, born in 1848, died June 5, 1874, married John Henderson.

Their children:

Lillie Henderson, born June 1, 1874. We are sorry we have no further record of Lillie Henderson.

Eliza died when Lillie was born and was buried at Oskaloosa.

6 The following is an Obituary of Rufus Putnam Bacon, the sixth child of William and Eleanora:

R. P. BACON DEAD

End Comes Suddenly Shortly Before Noon Today

Rufus P. Bacon, one of the old time and prominent citizens of Oskaloosa, died suddenly at his home on South Market Street about 11:30 o'clock this forenoon. Mr. Bacon had been up and around as usual in the morning, had eaten his breakfast, and was doing some work in his garden when he became sick at the stomach. Going back into the house he told Mrs. Bacon he did not feel well and lay down on a cot in his library. She ministered to his wants and put a bottle of hot water to his feet. He then said he felt easier and told her not to walk about so much as she would tire herself out. She went for the mail and returning told him the news of the morning. As he seemed sleepy she retired to another room to afford him quiet and rest. A few minutes after she heard him gasping for breath. He could not speak when she reached him, and after breathing a few times expired. Death was due to heart disease and old age, Mr. Bacon being 76 years old. The sudden end was a shock to the community, and the bereaved wife has the sympathy of all.

Rufus Putnam Bacon was one of the pioneers of Iowa, coming here in 1848. He was born in Washington County, Ohio, November 24, 1825, and was a member of a family of thirteen children. Mr. Bacon's school advantages were meager but he made good use of his opportunities. He learned the tinsmith's trade and followed that with success until he came west. He settled first in White Oak Township, and after several trips west followed the avocation of a farmer until 1865. Coming to Oskaloosa at that time he engaged in the mercantile business and followed this until 1873, when he practically retired from active business. Since then he has been connected with newspaper and banking enterprises and has always taken an active interest in the welfare of the town.

Mr. Bacon was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. In politics he was a staunch Republican and was several times the incumbent of local offices. For six years he was a member of the Board of Supervisors and served the county with great ability. Socially he was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and had served in various offices of the lodge, being for a term Eminent Commander of the Knights Templar.

In 1850 Mr. Bacon was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe A. Dunbar who survives him. In his death Oskaloosa loses a good man, and all who knew him a fast and noble friend.

The funeral will occur Monday afternoon, June 23, at 2:30, from Central M. E. Church. The services will be under the auspices of the Masonic lodge and all members, both Knight Templars and Master Masons are requested to meet at the lodge rooms at 1:00 o'clock sharp.

8 Eli Bacon, the eighth child, born June 23, 1828. He went to California in the Gold Rush days and continued on up the Coast and was last heard from at Tacoma about 1886.

The probability is that William's children by his first wife were at an age to scatter and most of them landed in

Iowa. We think they went first and he followed. Most of them were boys and prospered in Mahaska County, Iowa, as their records show. He was left a widower the first time from Eleanora Miller in 1831. The second time he became a widower when Nancy E. Vincent died May 8, 1842.

There being no record of the marriage of William Bacon to Nancy E. Vincent we are obliged to take the birthday of the youngest child as a starting point. It is known that Lydia was born May 8, 1842, when her mother died, therefore it is probable Lydia's sister, Diana was born about 1838, Henry 1840 and the marriage probably took place about 1837.

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After the death of the mother a home was found for Diana under the roof of Thomas Morris who married Nancy's sister, Anna. William probably looked after Henry and Lydia was reared in the home of John Vincent, brother of the dead mother. Eventually Diana married a man named Brown. They went to California and a son was born named Francis. He might now be a man seventy years old.

Henry went southward, probably to Memphis, Tennessee. It was reported he married and died without leaving any children.

About 1860 or 65 Lydia married George W. Dempster. To them were born five children: Ida May, William Russell, Frank, Jesse O. and Ora Zoe.

Ida May married William N. Blackburn. To them were born five children one of which died in infancy: Edison, Elma, Carrol and Jean.

Edison is prosperous. He reared a family of his own and has a mail route.

Elma made a teacher of herself.

Carol married Perry Cheffey. The demands of motherhood were beyond her strength and she died leaving a little son in the care of his grandparents.

Jean is still held fast in the family circle by the duties of the home. They have a beautiful place on Echo Hill back of Malta with farm and garden land and abundance of fruit.

W. R. Dempster, Lydia's second child, went West when a mere boy. He became a thorough machinist and finally established an automobile repair shop of large proportions in Kansas City which he has managed successfully all his life. They have a son and daughter both married and there is a son by a former marriage.

Frank, Lydia's third child, married Allie Trimble. To them were born three children, two boys and a girl. While in the full vigor of life Frank was accidentally killed since which time the children have all grown up and married.

We now have a record of Lydia's fourth child, Jesse O. Demster, born November 5, 1872, married Eva Gooden April 17, 1898. She was born February 1, 1876.

They adopted Opal Marie, born June 30, 1913. Their home is at 118 Parker Street, Zanesville, Ohio.

The fifth and last of Lydia's children has sent the following record:

Ora Zoe Dempster married John Birdge Clark November 21, 1895. He was born June 3, 1871. She was born November 19, 1877.

Their children:

Winifred Bryan Clark, born October 20, 1896.

Walter Hobson Clark, born August 1, 1898.

Ruth Evelyn Clark, born October 16, 1900.

Ruth married Charley P. Johnson November 5, 1922.

Their children:

Betty Joe, born December 23, 1923.

Mary Evelyn, born May 2, 1925.

Phillip, born January 6, 1927.

George Warne, born August 2, 1928.

Glenna Rae, born November 2, 1930.

John Birdge Clark is a contracting carpenter of McConnelville, Ohio, who works while others are idle.

Ora Zoe is a very industrious, energetic woman. The black cloud of death crossed their threshold and took their son, Winifred Bryan on April 29, 1913.

This ends the family history of Lydia's children, one by one.

With Lydia's children accounted for it might be said that she and this writer were related. She was a niece of John Vincent, my father. She was a half sister of Mary Ann Bacon Vincent, my mother. When Lydia was a helpless child they gave her shelter and when late in life she died she was laid away on their beautiful lot in Beverly Cemetery and there ere long by her side I too will rest.

After William Bacon saw his three children by his last wife provided for his thoughts turned to his first brood. They all went to Mahaska County, Iowa. It is said in his Obituary in an Iowa paper that he left Ohio in 1856. His posterity all prospered in the Hawkeye State. He made his home with his son, John, until his death August 6, 1878. There are many Bacons in and around Oskaloosa, the county seat.

WILLIAM BACON OBITUARY

The following is an Obituary of William Bacon printed in an Iowa paper:

William Bacon, a resident of this county for over twenty-two years, died on Tuesday morning, August 6, 1878, at the residence of his son, John Bacon in White Oak Township. He was a man of remarkable longevity and up to within a few days of his death notwithstanding his advanced age worked upon his little tract of land and enjoyed excellent health. On Monday afternoon, the fifth, he was seized with a congestive chill and lapsing into a state of insensibility died the next morning at about five o'clock.

Mr. Bacon was born in the city of New York in 1795. He was the son of John Bacon who was born in England in 1763, twelve years before the American Revolution and who emigrated to America in 1794 or 95. He afterward removed to Washington County, Ohio, where he lived for fifty years and died and was buried upon the farm on which he first settled.

William Bacon, the deceased, was the eldest of ten children seven of whom are yet living. The longevity of the family is unusual. From Washington County, Ohio, where he lived until 1856, the subject of this sketch removed to the neighborhood in Mahaska County where he died.

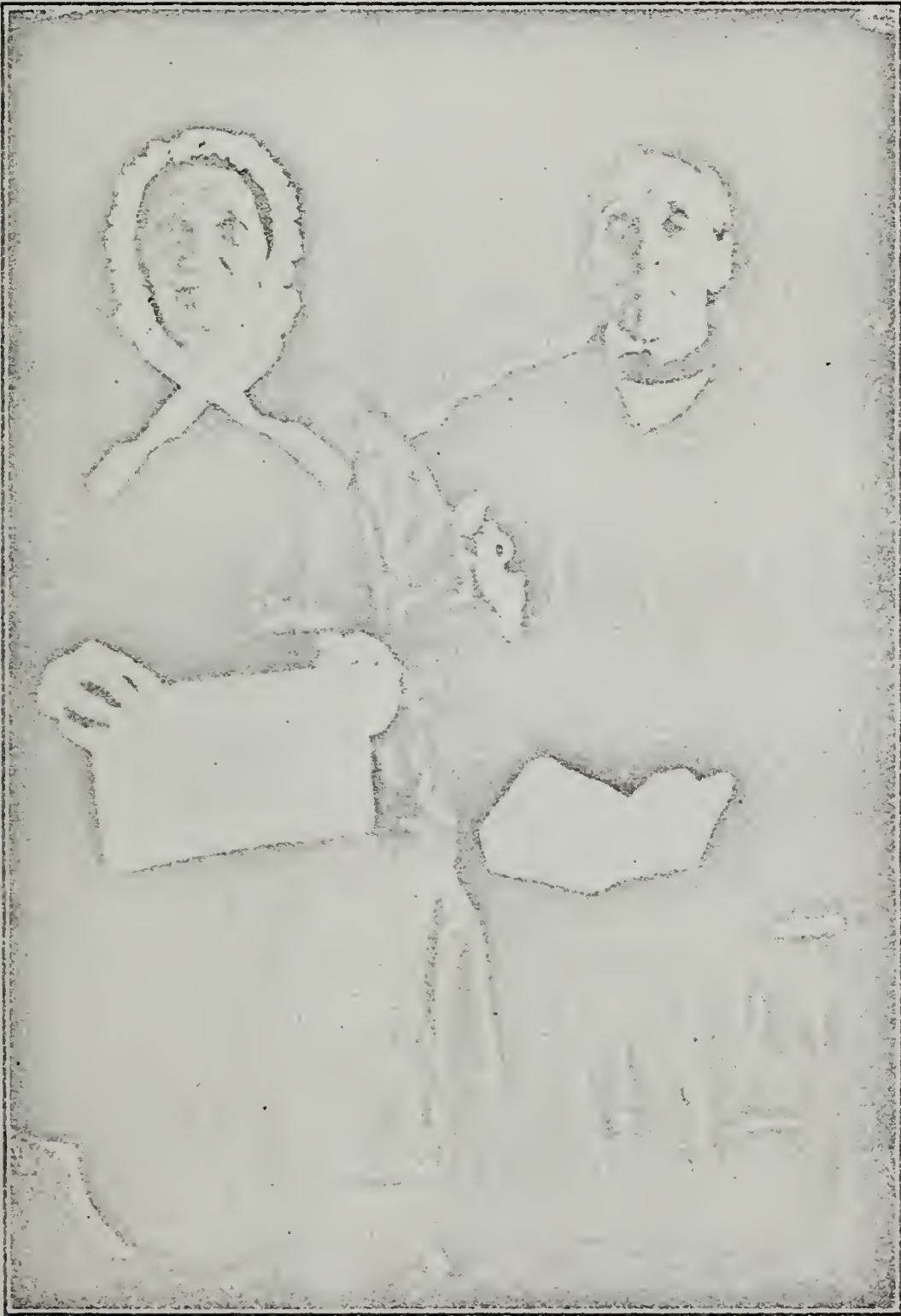
The deceased was twice married, his first wife dying at the age of thirty-three years and the last as long ago as 1845 or 46. The deceased spent the first ten years of his boyhood in New York (we can neither affirm or deny this).

Mr. Bacon, during his life was a firm believer in the doctrine of the Universalist faith.

Few men were of a more peaceable or kindly nature and he sank to repose without an unkind thought of any toward him and was laid away to rest by gentle hands and loving hearts, with whom his memory will never loose its freshness or fade or wither away.

I wish here to thank Mary Fleming for typing this sketch and Hyde Brothers, Printers, of Marietta for their neat booklet done this 20th day of July, 1931.

ELI BACON VINCENT.



JOHN BACON AND SARAH CORNER BACON

(From a photograph taken about 1850, when John Bacon was 87 years old and Sarah Corner Bacon was 76 years old.)

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